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SUBJECT: UNESCO: SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: SOVIET

REPORT ON SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THEIR

RELATIONSHIP TO PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS, WOMEN,

AND YOUTH (ITEM 5.1.1)

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1. SOVIET PAPER ON THE SUBJECT MATTER WAS, DURING COURSE
OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE DEBATE, EXPOSED FOR WHAT IT IS--A
STATEMENT OF SOVIET POLICY CONCERNING THESE ITEMS.

2. PAPER PROMOTES SOVIET DEFINITION OF "PEACEFUL
COEXISTENCE"--I.E. A "SPECIAL" AND, AS THEY SAY, HIGHLY
EFFECTIVE FORM OF CLASS ANTAGONISM AND HISTORIC RIVALRY
BETWEEN "SOCIALISM" AND WHAT THEY CALL "WORLD OF
CAPITALISM"--AND RELATES THIS CONCEPT TO BOTH HUMAN

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RIGHTS AND "INTERNATIONAL DETENTE". AS ITS MAJOR THRUST,
THE PAPER PROPOSES THAT UNESCO'S SOCIAL SCIENCE
SECTOR SHOULD UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF "THE FUNDAMENTAL
THEORY UNDERLYING A POLICY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE,
ELABORATE A GENERAL MODEL INDICATING THE RESULTS OF
RESTRUCTURING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ACCORDINGLY, AND
INVESTIGATE THE INFLUENCE OF A POLICY OF PEACEFUL CO-

EXISTENCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL LINKS BETWEEN PEOPLES AND STATES".

3. STANDARD SOVIET FORMULA OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES WAS APPLIED TO PAPER, INCLUDING "THE RIGHT (GUARANTEE) OF EMPLOYMENT", AND THE OCCURRENCE OF (MASSIVE) VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHTS OF (CLASSES) OF A PEOPLE, OWING TO PARTICULAR STRUCTURES OF (NON-SOVIET) SOCIETIES. PAPER IS STRUCTURED TO RELATE THESE THEMES TO "INTERNATIONAL DETENTE" AND RECOMMENDS THAT UNESCO SOCIAL SCIENCE PROJECTS "RELATE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND OF SOCIETY AS A WHOLE TO THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS 'WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE BROAD DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION'". PAPER ALSO STRIKES FOR AN EMOTIONAL CHORD, STATING THAT "A VERY BROAD SPECTRUM OF PUBLIC OPINION IN EUROPE IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED BY QUESTION OF HOW PEACE CAN BE MAINTAINED AND TENSIONS RELAXED IN EUROPE. SECTION ON WOMEN WAS SEPARATED FROM THESE POLEMICS, AND MUCH OF WHAT WAS SAID ON THIS SUBJECT THE US DEL WAS ABLE TO SUPPORT.

4. ACTING US PERMREP (WARVARIV) RESPONDED TO THESE POINTS, DRAWING, WHERE RELEVANT, ON REFTTEL, AND ALONG LINES WHICH POLITICAL INVECTIVES CONTAINED IN PAPER WARRANTED. WHILE AGREEING WITH PAPER'S EMPHASIS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ROLE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES IN UNESCO PROGRAM, INCLUDING PEACE RESEARCH, WE POINTED OUT POLITICAL UNDERPINNINGS OF SOVIET DEFINITION OF "PEACEFUL COEXISTANCE", NOTED THAT THIS TERM HAD BEEN DISALLOWED IN EARLIER UNESCO MEETINGS (I.E. 13TH GENCONF IN 1964 AND 18TH GENCONF IN 1974), AND MADE APPEAL TO SOVIET EXBD MEMBER, (PROF. KUTAKOV) TO SPARE EXBD FROM REPEATED DEBATE ON THIS HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL AND IDEOLOGICAL TERM.

5. WE WELCOMED SOVIET ASSERTION THAT PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ARE INDIVISIBLE, AND EMPHASIZED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE A LEGITIMATE SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN. WE ALSO STRESSED THAT RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS AMONG MEMBER STATES. WE NOTED THAT INDIVIDUAL CASES ARE IMPORTANT, AS ARE "MASSIVE" VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

6. NECESSITY FOR PRESENTING DETAILED REMARKS ON SOVIET'S MEAGER DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM SUBSTANCE WAS ALLEVIATED BY THOROUGH AND EXCELLENT SECRETARIAT COMMENT

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(DR. KARL VASAK, CHIEF OF UNESCO HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION)
ON SOVIET PAPER. UNESCO'S RELEVANT ACTIVITIES WERE
FULLY COVERED IN THESE REMARKS, AND THEREBY EXPOSED
SOVIET PAPER'S LACK OF ATTENTION TO PROGRAM SUBSTANCE.
ACTING US PERMREP ALSO DREW ON OTHER PARAS REFTEL FOR
REMARKS ON PROGRAM SUBSTANCE, SO THAT ALL POINTS WERE
COVERED.

7. ALTHOUGH EIGHT OTHER SPEAKERS TOOK FLOOR IN THIS
DEBATE, LITTLE MORE OF SUBSTANCE MATERIALIZED. FRG
EXBD MEMBER (AMB. PETERSEN) DID GOOD JOB IN EXPOSING
SOVIET VIEWS ON THE USE OF THE WORD "TOLERANCE" AND ON
THEIR INTERPRETATION OF THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL
AS OPPOSED TO THE RIGHTS OF SOCIETY.

8. IN RESPONSE TO THE DEBATE ON THE SOVIET "STUDY IN-
DEPTH", PROFESSOR KUTAKOV, REALIZING LACK OF SUPPORT
FOR HIS ABOVE-MENTIONED THEMES, INVOKED HIS "HUMAN RIGHT"
TO PRESENT "HIS" VIEWS. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WILL NOT
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PRESS ADOPTION OF PROPOSAL FOR UNESCO TO STUDY OF
"PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" POLICY.

9. SUMMING UP RESULTS OF DISCUSSION, COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN (PROF. KI-ZERBO, UPPER VOLTA) NOTED THAT
"PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS" INCLUDED IN THE SOVIET REPORT
HAD "HAD THE MERIT" OF SPURRING A DISCUSSION, A VERY
USEFUL APPROACH TO GETTING AT THE HEART OF PROBLEMS,
EVEN THOUGH THEY BE IRRECONCILABLE. COMMENT: THIS
ALSO ECHOED FAVORABLE COMMENTS OF SEVERAL OTHER
SPEAKERS, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA'S BOARD MEMBER, DR.
PHILIP, WHO WELCOMED SOVIET APPROACH TO DRAFTING "IN-
DEPTH" REPORTS WHICH CLEARLY POSITED "PHILOSOPHICAL"
VIEWS. IT IS POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, THAT THIS PARTISAN
REPORTING MODEL WILL BE INCREASINGLY ADOPTED IN THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE, STIMULATING MORE FRANK EXCHANGES
OF VIEWS THAN WE HAVE SEEN UNTIL NOW.
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